

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 2809**

February 10, 2000

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Provides that the county medical examiner shall receive compensation from the municipality or county requesting a death investigation. Current law provides for such compensation to be made from county funds. Eliminates the \$25.00 to \$75.00 compensation range for death investigations and specifies that the compensation rate be fixed by the county legislative body so that it is equivalent whether paid by the county or a municipality. Retains provision authorizing counties to compensate the county medical examiner on a salaried basis.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant / Permissive**

Assumes:

- to the extent counties choose to pay the medical examiner more than \$75.00 for a death investigation they will experience increased expenditures for the additional costs of such investigations.
- there will be a shift in expenditures from counties to cities for the costs of death investigations initiated by cities.
- city initiates a death investigation when the death occurs within the city limits.
- the death investigation expense addressed in this legislation does not include the cost of related autopsies.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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